

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Newton P. Carreker House
and/or common Carreker House

2. Location

street & number Jackson Street _____ not for publication
city, town Talbotton _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 3rd-Jack Brinkley
state Georgia code 013 county Talbot code 263

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Eddie B. Bassett, Jr.
street & number P.O. Box 188
city, town Talbotton _____ vicinity of _____ state Georgia 31827

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court
street & number Talbot County Courthouse
city, town Talbotton _____ state Georgia 31827

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Historic Structures Field Survey:
title Talbot County, Georgia has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1976 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local
depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
city, town Atlanta _____ state Georgia

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Carreker House is a one-story, balloon-frame, Victorian weatherboard structure built on stuccoed brick piers. The open areas between the piers have been infilled with brick.

The facade of the house is three bays wide, the central bay featuring a single-panel front door with a transom above it. The bay to either side originally had a floor-length sash window, four-over-four in configuration. The window on the right side has been converted to a doorway; the one on the left is still intact.

The facade is protected by a porch which is supported by four sets of paired square columns. The columns at either end of the porch are balanced by a single wide pilaster against the house. Above the columns are brackets and applied gingerbread detailing. The base of the porch is brick with a concrete surface, replacing a rotted wooden porch in the 1950s.

The pressed-tin roof of the house has nine gables. Three of these gables help to create the character of the front facade, each centered over one of the bays. The center gable has a curved verge board and gingerbread at its apex and base; the two flanking gables have diamond-shaped insets with crosses of scrollwork filling them. The north and south elevations each have two gables, one toward the front and one toward the rear. The front-side gable has curved verge boards and drop pendants while the rear one has no detail work. The last two gables are on the rear of the house and have no detail work.

The floor plan of the house is a central hall, six-room layout. Five rooms are original to the house; each features pine floors, smooth plaster walls with baseboards and picture moldings, high tongue-and-groove boarded ceilings, simple trabeated mantels, and four- or six-panel doors. The sixth room, to the northeast, has been more recently created by enclosing an original porch and rear entry to make a kitchen. The rear of the central hall has been partitioned into a bathroom and utility rooms. At the back of the house, a shed-roofed family room and a gable-roofed bathroom and changing room (for the swimming pool) have recently been added.

A one-room weatherboard structure, with fourteen six-over-six sash windows and a seamed metal roof, is the only remaining original outbuilding. There is one fireplace in the building, located on the east elevation. A concrete-block garage was built in 1970 and is located just north of the one-room outbuilding.

Landscaping on the property consists of hardwood trees which shade the property. No plantings are around the house. A swimming pool was recently added to the rear of the lot. To the south of the property is Talbotton Baptist Church, built ca. 1870; to the north is a Neoclassical two-story frame house; to the east is the Seaboard Coast Line right-of-way and to the west is Jackson Street and a one-story cinder-block hotel.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1883 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Newton P. Carreker House is significant in architecture and local history. The architectural significance is due to the nine-gabled roof; five gables are extensively ornamented with gingerbread detailing. It is the only house in Talbotton remaining with such gabled effect, and it is not known if there were more at one time or not. Its architectural significance rests on this elaborate roofing and decoration, a local interpretation of Victorian Eclecticism which reached its peak in the last quarter of the nineteenth century.

The house is significant in local history due to Newton P. Carreker (1830–1918) and his role as a local, native businessman. He had grown up on his father's plantation in the Centreville area of the county. He served in the Civil War as a quartermaster and was known in later years as "Captain." In 1883, when he purchased this lot and built this house, Captain Carreker was an insurance and fertilizer agent. He appears to be the most stable of the local fertilizer agents, operating his business for several decades prior to his death. Although he was familiar with the mail-ordering world, since he dealt day-to-day with travelers and merchants, it is not known where he obtained the ideas incorporated into the design of his house. He and his wife, Lizzie, had two children prior to moving here, so the house need not have been built to accommodate an expanding family, or even small children.

After Captain Carreker's death, the house passed through several owners and was often rented, many times with one room let to a teacher and several of the others used for storage. The current owners purchased it in 1969 and returned it to being owner-occupied as a residence.

9. Major Bibliographical References

[See continuation sheet.]

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Talbotton, Ga.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

A 116 7307510 31611821470
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is marked with a heavy black line on the enclosed sketch map. The lot being nominated is the town lot originally purchased by N.P. Carreker, the builder of the house. The boundaries for this nomination are that same boundary line since the original tract is still intact, as per deed recorded 9/12/69 from Charles L. Watkins to present owners in List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries the Talbot Co. Courthouse.

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title a) Nancy Alexander, Historic Preservation Planner
 b) Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., Historian
 organization a) Lower Chattahoochee APDC
 b) Historic Preservation Sec., Ga. D.N.R. date December 18, 1979
 street & number a) P.O. Box 1908 a) 404/324-4221
 b) 270 Washington St., S.W. telephone b) 404/656-2840
 city or town a) Columbus a) Georgia 31902
 b) Atlanta state b) Georgia 30334

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Elizabeth A. Lyon
 Elizabeth A. Lyon

title Acting State Historic Preservation Officer date 6/19/80

For HCERS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
W. Ray Luce date 8/26/80
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: Curt Dubie date 8/25/80
 Chief of Registration

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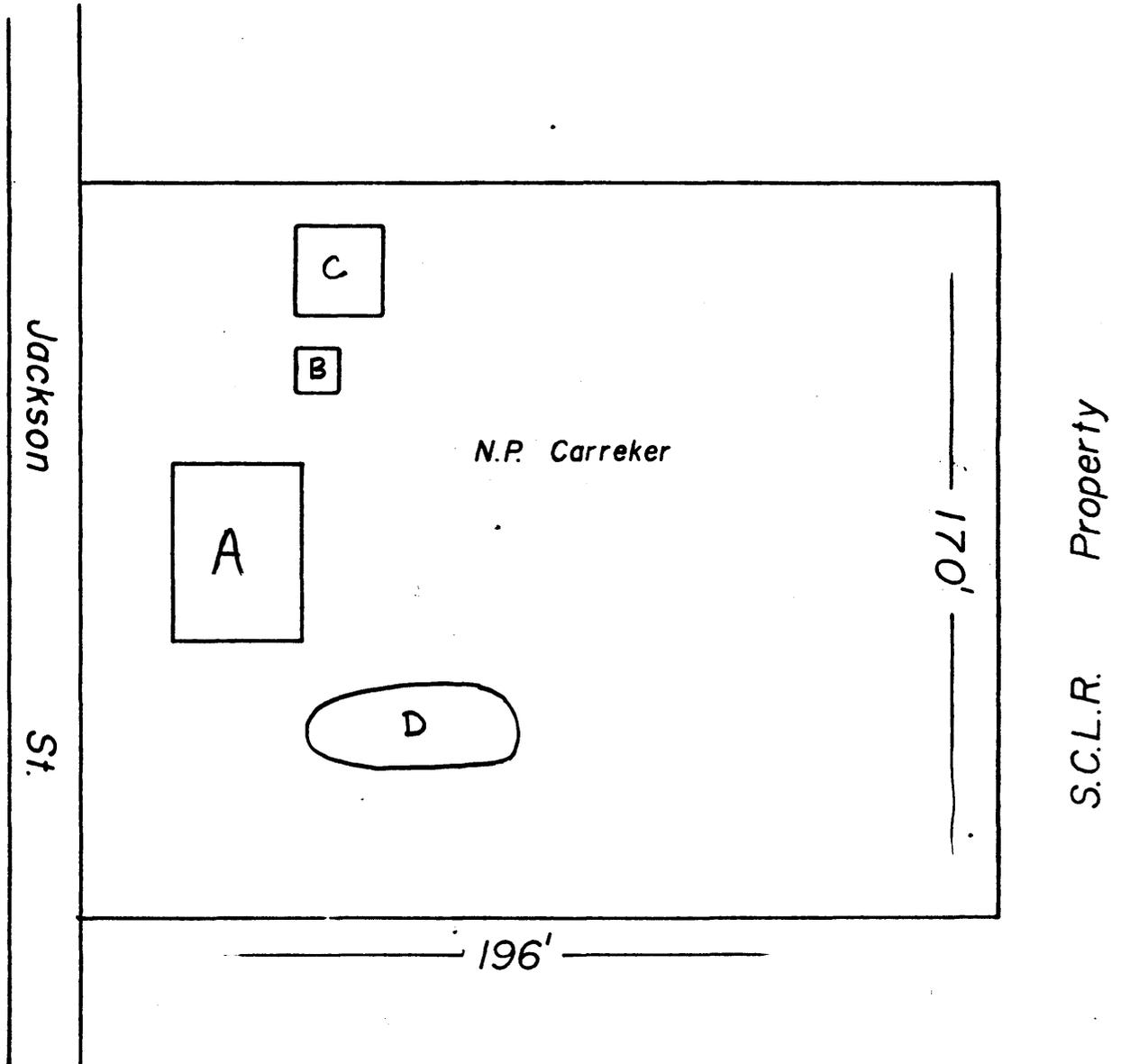
Interview with Mrs. Eddie B. Bassett, Jr., by Nancy Alexander, December 12, 1979.

Interview with Mr. Gene Culpepper, local historian, by Nancy Alexander, December 12, 1979.

Interview with William H. Davidson, descendant of N.P. Carreker, by Nancy Alexander, December 13, 1979.

Personal inspection by Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., and Richard Cloues, 1979.

Roe House



SKETCH/PLAT MAP

Newton P. Carreker House JUN 25 1980

Talbotton, Talbot County, Georgia

Scale: not to scale

Source: based on deed dimensions and city map, drawn by N.A. Alexander

Date: based on 1969 deed

Key: A- main house

B- historic outbuilding

C- garage D-Swimming Pool

